

From the book: The Greater East Asia War and the Domestic Situation

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"The Direct Expression of the Great Ideal"

The War against the United States and Great Britain Shall
Be Called the Greater East Asia War.

Our Imperial Government boldly declared war against both America and England on the 8th in order to establish an ideal new order of "Co-existence and Co-prosperity" in the areas of Greater East Asia and to overthrow both America and England which had oppressed and exploited the billion peoples' of Greater East Asia and which had stubbornly adhered to their fanciful principles and arguments which disregarded the actualities of world history and progress in order to make everlasting their domination.

As a consequence, the Empire is in a state of war against both the United States and Great Britain in accordance with International Law. The war against the United States and Great Britain shall be called the "Greater East Asia War" in order to briefly and openly express the Great Ideal of the Empire, which is proceeding with the firm determination to establish a new order in Greater East Asia as the stabilizing influence in the areas of Greater East Asia. On the 12th, the Cabinet meeting formally decided and the Information Bureau made the announcement as stated below. The China Incident, which has been carried out for the past four and a half years, is an Incident which aims to overthrow the Chungking regime which has been made a puppet of England and America in order to establish a new order in Greater East Asia. Its aim is identical with that of the war against the United States and Great Britain and its intrinsic nature is not different. Therefore, it has been included in the "Greater East Asia War". The term, "Greater East Asia War" has been decided from the standpoint of the objectives of this present war and therefore does in no way mean that the war theater would be limited only to Greater East Asia.

Since the enemy countries, England and America, lie beyond the areas of Greater East Asia, and in view of the purport of the new pact signed by Japan, Germany and Italy, and furthermore in view of the fact that such small countries of Central America as MEXICO, HAITI, the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, COSTA RICA, CUBA, PANAMA, COLOMBIA, AND NICARAGUA are reported to have declared war against Japan, under pressure from the United States, there is a possibility that the area of warfare may spread to every area, throughout the world as expressed in the term, "The Second Great World War".

The Greater East Asia War! This was the term given to this war for the new world order from the viewpoint of the Empire's objectives, and our 100 million people who received life in this glorious era of SHOWA must wage this great unprecedented war and finally attain the glories of victory. In such a way, the rapid prosperity which multiply many folds the development of the nation brought about by the Sino-Japanese and Russo-Japan-ese wars will shine over the Empire and also over the billion peoples of Greater East Asia.

Announcement of the Information Bureau:

The present war against the United States and Great Britain, including also the China Incident shall be called the Greater East Asia War. The term, Greater East Asia "war, means that it is a war which has as its objective the establishment of a new order in Greater East Asia, but does not mean that the war theater would be limited only to Greater East Asia.

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大東亜戦争開戦の準備

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大連港直轄化表現

「大東亜戦争開戦の準備」
大東亜十二月八日、日本は蘇聯に宣戰し、支那と水谷也十
月九日世界東洋十二個主要國と並んで不空的原則論を固
執し、讓りに日本が支那の國を打倒し、大東亜の地域に其本
旨を、理想的の新秩序を建設するため、帝國政府は八
月二十六日、支那に對して宣戰布告した。從て帝國
三本邦の國は國際法上の戰争状態に於ける所付て
あらかじめ支那の準備は大東亜新秩序建設に於て
決意として構成する大東亜地域の安定努力なり、帝
國の大連港直轄化表現下のため、大東亜戦争の
準備として、九月十三日の閣議で正式決定情報局より次の
如く命令された。關東軍事省事務にて遂行され、五郎
事務要領は大東亜新秩序建設のため支那の傀儡化
に實業政權の打倒を目指してあり、その目的
は今回の支那英戰開戦とその本質も異り、従
つて、大東亜戦争の下に合戦れることはなつた。大東亜
戦争の準備は今後戦争の目的上から深謀熟慮して
之を実現する大東亜の十二個主要國の宣言する

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"Providence and Divine Grace Shall Be With Us"
Says the Premier at the Lecture Meeting for
the Successful Execution of the GREATER EAST ASIA War.

At the prayer and lecture meeting for the successful execution of the GREATER EAST ASIA War held at HIEIYI Public Hall from 1 p.m. of Jan. 16 under the joint auspices of the Institute for the Study of Japanese Classical Literature, Shinto Rituals Board, and of the GREATER JAPAN Shinto Rituals Association, Premier TOJO gave a lecture, the outline of which was as follows: That is /Premier TOJO/, emphasized that providence and divine grace are always watching over the Imperial army which at the beginning of the Greater East Asia War is rapidly and boldly developing the war situation in all areas. /He/ asserted that this war is a holy war based on the moral spirit of the Empire and is a war in which the people have faith. /He/ further stated/ Both the UNITED STATES and GREAT BRITAIN, not relinquishing their civil design to dominate the OPIENT, are intending to counter-attack with new preparations for the purpose of recovering from the blow they suffered at the beginning of hostilities. From the very outset, we have been resigned to the fact that in successfully executing this great war, we had a long way to go. However, it is said that providence and divine grace appear only after all the people render faithful service. /The Premier/ firmly believes that, by the protection of Heaven, we shall certainly be able to successfully execute and gain a glorious victory in this great war based on justice if the spirit of patriotism of the officers and men of our Imperial army who are of matchless loyalty, and the loyalty and sincerity of our 100,000,000 people are manifested.

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我に天佑神助あり。

大會 講演會て首相讃く

一月二二日午後二時より它否公會在に五光閣外れに神祇院皇典講究所、大日本神祇會共催、不軍事戰爭完結、新頒主に講演會て來居る首相以下學士大夫講演會にて大東亜戰爭勝利、天下各各方面に神深果敢有誠意と進言せられ、且自王軍主上に會て天佑神助を勧め、之を強調、又に今次之戰爭は全國一直被る着神に基く聖職であり、國民の信念をもと断じ東洋制西朝鮮等を敗て斷念せざる是安兩國は餘戦における打撃を圖り得也、前百日準備の下に反対を全罔あら、太敵を完勝するに前途は甚だ光明である。是以我れが最初から宣誓したる如きが天佑神助は萬民至誠と盡て初めに現れることわれらが宏烈無比なる宣傳將兵の殉國精神と信國民の意志至誠を發す。ところの正義に基く大戰の神明の御加護又は天子萬能の勝利獲得とし、今も遂其のことを仰ぐ所言である。